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## Air Cover Not Pledged, Says Cuban

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One of the leaders of the Cuban Bay of Pigs invasion said yesterday his forces had never been promised air support by the U. S. Government.

Jose A. Perez San Roman, commander of the 2506th Brigade of the Cuban liberation armed forces, made the statement during a visit with five of his comrades to the Justice Department.

"We had our own planes, but they were knocked out," Perez San Roman said in an interview in Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's reception office.

The question of support by U. S. forces has been one of the most controversial points in public discussions of the ill-fated 1961 attempt by Cuban rebels to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro.

The Kennedy Administration has maintained official silence on the point.

One veteran of the invasion, Manuel Penabaz, wrote in U. S. News and World Report that Perez San Roman had called unsuccessfully during the invasion for cover by jet airplanes.

Asked about this yesterday, Perez San Roman shook his head.

Asked whether he had ever received any indication that air cover for the invasion would be provided by the United States, he shrugged.

"No," he repeated. "We had our own."

He said the visit to the Attorney General, unknown beforehand to Kennedy's public information aides, was a court call.